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1. The ration strength of the artillery troops in Rathenow (N 53/Z 15), as stated in the ration slips of 19 December 1950, were 800 men in the Infanterie Kaserne, 700 in the Pionier Kaserne, and 1,000 men in the Kraftfahrer Kaserne. (1)

2.   in Plant II of the Nitsch and Guenther Firm at the intersection of Friedrich-Ebert-Ring and Langestrasse, Rathenow,   a Soviet repair shop was located on the plant premises. The repair shop belonged to the Soviet office, apparently a division headquarters, on Bahnhofstrasse, and was engaged in repairing radio sets and installing such sets in vehicles. (2) The shop employed 15 artillery officers and 12 NCOs and 11 specialists who performed manual work without regard to their rank.

3. On 19 December, two artillery officers were observed leaving the factory area at the intersection of Friedrich-Ebert-Ring and Langestrasse. (2)

4. On 4 January 1951, troops were drilling with 12 guns of about 100 mm in front of the ordnance shops in the northern section of the Kraftfahrer Kaserne, Rathenow. (3)

5. All buildings of Wald Kaserne I on Semliner Strasse, Rathenow, were occupied on 28 December. Gate guards wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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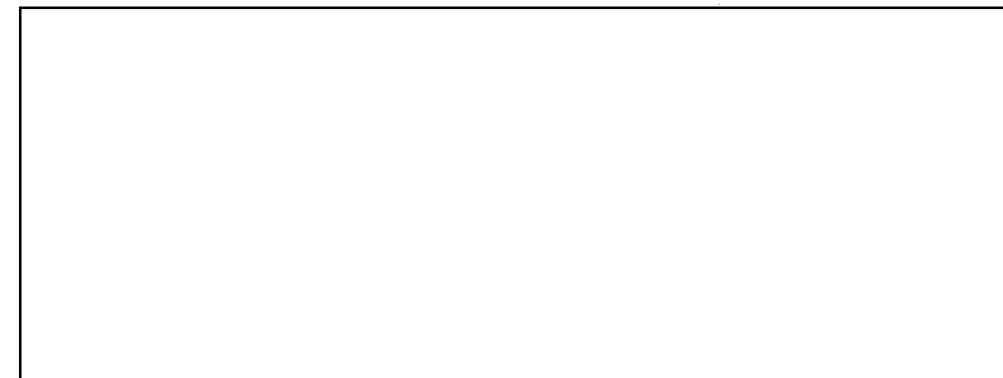
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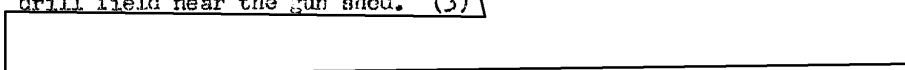
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7. Gate guards at Wald Kaserne III on Semliner Strasse wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Troops practicing with seven guns of about 100 mm and aiming them at dummy tanks were seen at the drill field near the gun shed. (3)

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8. Gate guards at the Zisthen Kaserne wore red-bordered black epaulets. The five buildings of the installation were occupied by about 1,000 men. Many officers were seen in the billeting area on 19 December. No training activity was observed. Motor vehicles [redacted] in barracks traffic. (6)

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9. Motor vehicles [redacted] at the repair shop on Ebert Ring. (2) Documents found at the shop included a fragment of an envelope addressed to a soldier [redacted] and another fragment of an envelope bearing an address in the U.S.S.R., and written by a soldier [redacted] (7)

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